

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION  
PROGRAMS, GRANTS & SERVICES COMMITTEE**

March 5, 2015

Arts Commission Office, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Nancy Stewart, Chair

Minutes

Members present: Nancy Stewart, Micah Smith

Members via teleconference: Allen Platt

Members absent: Pam Hicks, Linda Levell, Al Rent, Trevor Yager

Arts Commission staff present: Michelle Anderson, Ann Fields, Sarah Fronczek, Dennis Hardin, Becca Hopson, Lewis Ricci, Paige Sharp, Adrian Starnes

Note: Due to lack of quorum, no actions were taken during this meeting.

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Commissioner Nancy Stewart called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. **Consent Agenda.** No action taken. The minutes from this meeting and the November 20, 2014 meeting of the PGSC will be presented for approval at a special meeting of the committee prior to the meeting of the full Commission on March 20, 2015.

3. **Cultural Districts Update.** Arts Commission Director of Programs Paige Sharp reported that she and Executive Director Lewis Ricci conducted a site visit to Madison, Indiana, as a follow-up to the Cultural Districts application review panel which met November 5, 2014. Ms. Sharp and Mr. Ricci met with all parties connected with the Madison Cultural District effort, and came away convinced of the viability of the proposal. They recommended to the PGSC that the City of Madison be recognized as a State-Wide Cultural District. The committee agreed in consensus. The matter will be presented for approval by the PGSC at a special meeting to be called prior to the next meeting of the full Commission on March 20.

4. **Capacity Building Program Update.** Mr. Ricci remarked that there are available funds in the Capacity Building pool for this calendar year, and that ideas are being discussed. There will probably be no further colloquia presented in this fiscal year. Commissioner Stewart welcomed new Arts Commission staff members Ann Fields, Communications and Community Engagement Manager, and Adrian Starnes, Grants and Research Manager.

**5. Arts in Education Update.** Arts Commission Community Development Manager/Arts in Education Coordinator Sarah Fronczek reported on the state-wide Poetry Out Loud competition which was held on February 21. Emma Libersky from Plymouth High School won the competition for the third year running, and will represent Indiana in the national competition in Washington DC. Ms. Fronczek thanked all staff who assisted during the event. Ms. Fronczek reported on progress in the Partnering Arts, Communities and Education (PACE) project. Four proposals have been submitted for the first year of the project and will be considered for final acceptance by the PACE Advisory Committee when they meet on March 12. They are: 1) “Robinson Shakespeare Company Drama Integration Project” at the Robinson Center at University of Notre Dame; this project will engage second grade students from McKinley Primary Center; 2) “Literacy Live at Madison” will partner the South Bend Civic Theater and the Madison Primary Center in South Bend, engaging first through fourth-grade students; 3) “The Big Picture – Literacy Through Art” will partner the Indiana State University Community School of the Arts with the Meadows Elementary School in Terre Haute, and will engage first grade students; 4) “Dance, Writing and the Indiana Dunes” will partner Arts for Learning teaching artist Melli Hoppe and Pine Elementary School in Michigan City, and will engage third and fourth-graders. Commissioner Stewart and Commissioner Smith congratulated Ms. Fronczek on the success of this new initiative.

**6. Bicentennial Update.** Mr. Ricci reported that two of the Arts Commission’s proposed Bicentennial projects were presented to the legislature for consideration: the Indiana Masterpieces project and the Arts in the Parks project. He feels encouraged for funding of these two projects by the legislature. Ms. Sharp and the program staff have drafted the guidelines for both programs (attached). Arts Commission Community Development Manager Becca Hopson remarked that it has been a pleasure collaborating with the Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Ricci asked the PGSC to consider recommending that the full Commission approve moving forward with the two proposals. Consensus was reached by the members to present the final guidelines for approval at the special meeting of the committee to be held prior to the March 20 meeting of the full Commission.

**7. AOS Pre-screening (eligibility) Update.** Ms. Sharp reported that there were 187 applications state-wide for grants in the Arts Operating Support categories for FY 2016. Of these, eight were reviewed by a committee of Commissioners for eligibility to apply; of these, four were deemed ineligible for operating support.

**8. Old Business.** There was no old business.

**9. New Business.** Ms. Hopson reported that the application period for Regional Initiative Grants (RIG) has now closed, as has the application period for the Individual Artist Program (IAP). Ms. Sharp offered thanks to Grants Manager Adrian Starnes for his hard work in the application process.

Mr. Ricci reminded everyone that the Chair of the National Endowment for the Arts, Jane Chu, will be making an official visit to Indianapolis tomorrow, March 6.

10. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Stewart thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 2:10 p.m.